



Dr. Michael Jon Cookenmaster was born at Glendale Adventist Medical Center in Los Angeles, but he considers himself a Tucsonan, where he grew up.

After attending Tucson Junior Academy for grades 1 -10, Michael graduated from Thunderbird Adventist Academy in Scottsdale, AZ. He completed a Bachelor of Arts in liberal arts, along with minoring in music from Loma Linda University. He received his Master of Arts in the field of curriculum, instruction and teacher education at La

Sierra University. Michael earned his doctoral degree in educational administration and leadership from University of Phoenix.

Michael praises God for the wide array of professional experiences he has had over a 30-year period as an educator, where he has taught every grade from PreK – 8 in both Adventist and public schools. He has also served as a teaching principal, Title I Literacy Coordinator, and a regional education consultant. Michael also holds both professional and administrator licenses from the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists with endorsements in the areas of kindergarten, elementary education, biology, English, music, religion, principal, and supervisor of instruction.

Dr. and Mrs. Cookenmaster have been married for over 29-years. They are the proud parents of five wonderful young people. Michael gives God all the glory, honor and praise for His call to serve as the Associate Superintendent of Schools. He is excited to be a part of a high performing school system that is the result of a dedicated Christian community, supportive constituent churches, and a phenomenal faculty and staff.